

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA DIVISION

RICHARD KOUGH, BRIAN  
LITTLEJOHN, CRAIG PRIESTER,  
STERLING HARLEY, THERL TAYLOR,  
ROY SUTHERLAND and JOSEPH  
WILSON

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS, WARDEN LEVERN  
COHEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND/OR IN  
HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS WARDEN  
OF RIDGELAND CORRECTIONAL  
INSTITUTION,

DEFENDANTS.

Civil Action No. 0:17-2938-JFA-PJG

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS' MOTION FOR  
LEAVE TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION  
OF PLAINTIFF CRAIG PRIESTER**

This matter comes before the Court in response to a Motion for Leave to Take a Deposition, filed by Defendant South Carolina Department of Corrections, who seeks to take the deposition of Plaintiff Craig Priester. The proposed deponent is an inmate that is currently incarcerated within the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Rule 30(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a party must obtain leave of Court if the person to be examined is confined in prison, and it appearing that the named Plaintiff has filed suit in the United States District Court of South Carolina, seeking damages allegedly resulting from the actions and/or inactions of Defendant South Carolina Department of Corrections while the named Plaintiff was incarcerated at the Ridgeland Correctional Institution.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, upon Defendant South Carolina Department of Corrections' Motion, that leave of Court is granted for the deposition of Plaintiff Craig Priester in accordance with Rule 30(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day of December, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paige J. Gossett", with a horizontal line underneath.

Paige J. Gossett  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

December 21, 2018  
Columbia, South Carolina